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(Amended Twice) A liquid crystal display comprising:

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- (a) a polarizer layer;
- (b) an analyzer layer;
- a liquid crystal cell having a first transparent substrate and a second transparent substrate forming respective walls of said liquid crystal cell, said liquid crystal cell disposed between said polarizer layer and said analyzer layer; and
- (d) a monolithic compensator in accordance with a specified one of claims 11, 12, [13, 14,] or 15, or 16] disposed between said polarizer layer and said analyzer layer.

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(Amended) A monolithic compensator for a liquid crystal display comprising:

(a) a first deposited thin-film compensator layer having a first surface;

(b) a second thin-film compensator layer deposited onto said first surface of said first compensator layer, wherein each of said first and said second deposited thin-film compensator layers are selected from the group consisting of (i) a positively birefringent O-plate compensator layer, (ii) a positively birefringent A-plate compensator layer, (iii) a negatively birefringent A-plate compensator layer, and (iv) a negatively birefringent C-plate compensator layer.

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(Amended) A compensator element for a liquid crystal display comprising:

(a) an optically transparent substrate; and

(b) a monolithic compensator in accordance with a specified one of claims 11, 12, and 11, 14, 15, [16, 17, 18,] 19, and 20 operatively coupled to a [said] optically transparent substrate.

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